

*RESOLUTION NUMBER 19*

*WHEREAS*, Homer G. Phillips Hospital closed its doors in 1979; and

*WHEREAS*, The Homer G. Phillips Hospital, however, has rebounded from this narrative and is no longer abandoned. In 2004, it reopened as the Homer G. Phillips Dignity House, a residential care facility for the elderly, finally forestalling efforts to reopen it but once again defying the forces of power that could very well have kept it vacant for decades as well as the force of economic gentrification; and

*WHEREAS*, Homer G. Phillips was a 51 year-old prominent lawyer, born in Sedalia, Missouri in 1880, who on June 18, 1931 was shot while waiting for his streetcar by two men. The murder was never solved due to lack of evidence; and

*WHEREAS*, three years earlier, he supported the popular \$87 million bond issue of 1922. His primary role in the bond issue was to secure at least \$1 million for the sole purpose of constructing a new hospital for blacks on the city's North Side. He gained support of a majority of members of the Welfare Committee for legislation to create a fully-funded new black hospital in north city on the \$87 million 1923 bond issue docket; and

*WHEREAS*, Homer G. Phillips Apartments, Senior Living Community are having their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Spring Fling, given by the Homer Phillips Resident Association Organization. To gather together all the residents past and present to remember and celebrate Homer G. Phillips now and then.

*WHEREAS*, the officials of this event are Deloris Powell, Pattie Shaw, Travis Harris, Christiana Sims, Annabelle Foster, Erlice Wrice, Sharon Robnett, of President W.A.T. Dignity Corporation and the 1<sup>st</sup> 50 Pioneers.

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED* by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and honor the contributions of all those associated with putting this event together, and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 27h day of April 27, 2007by:

**Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman, 4<sup>th</sup> Ward**

Adopted this the 27th day of April 27, 2007 as attested by: